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Changes to some North Devon parish boundaries given the go ahead

Changes to some North Devon parish boundaries have been given the go ahead to bring them in-line with ward boundaries.

At North Devon Council's Full Council meeting last night (Monday 25 February), councillors agreed with recommendations in a report to proceed with proposals to review the boundaries. The areas affected are:

- Mill on the Mole, South Molton – move to South Molton parish and district ward
- Westacott, Landkey – move to Barnstaple parish and Westacott parish district ward
- Mount Sandford Green, Landkey – move to Barnstaple parish and Newport parish ward
- Gunn – move to Goodleigh parish

Once the changes are put in place it will mean that people living in the areas affected will become part of different parishes and vote for different parish councils in future elections, including the parish and district elections on Thursday 2 May.

Head of Corporate and Community Services at North Devon Council, Ken Miles, says: "The main issues we consider when proposing changes to any wards are the impacts on community engagement, cohesiveness of communities, local democracy and the delivery of local services.

"As part of the review we carried out a consultation to allow residents to get involved and let us know their thoughts on the proposals before taking them any further."

The changes were proposed following a Community Governance Review (CGR) which allows the council to review electoral arrangements for all or part of the North Devon district.

Full details of the approved proposals, including maps can be found on the voting and elections pages of the council website - www.northdevon.gov.uk/elections.

Before going to Full Council the proposals were also approved by the council's Ethics Committee at their meeting on 23 January.